**‘Gorillas vs Guerillas’ from *Sunday Night***

**Background information:**

*Definition of guerilla*

**Guerilla:** member of independent military force, often revolutionary, which makes surprise attacks on enemy positions, supplies, etc.

*What is coltan?*

It is a mineral used in producing electronics, such as mobile phones, DVD players, video game systems and computers.

It is short for columbite–tantalite and is known industrially as tantalite.



*What do I need to know about the Congo?*

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is a country in Africa that has been at war with Rwanda and Uganda (neighbouring African countries) since 1996. 5.4 million people have died in these wars in that time. The country is covered in rainforest (towards the west, along the Congo River), plateaus merging into savannahs in the south and southwest, mountainous terraces in the west and dense grasslands extending beyond the Congo River in the north. High, glaciated mountains are found in the extreme eastern region. Although citizens of the DRC are among the poorest in the world, the country is widely considered to be the richest country in the world regarding natural resources; its untapped deposits of raw minerals are estimated to be worth in excess of US$ 24 trillion. This includes coltan as outlined above. Because of Belgian occupation during the late 1800s until 1960, most of the people speak French, although often as a second language with either their tribal language as their first or another African language, such as Swahili.

**Now, fill in the following responses as you watch the report by Grant Denyer for *Sunday Night*:**

1. **What is the issue?**
2. **What is the reporter’s (Grant Denyer) contention (opinion) on the issue?**
3. **How do you know that this is the reporter’s contention? [remember the persuasive techniques you were taught last year!]**
4. **Choose one or more of the following options in order to describe the tone of the segment:**
5. **Sarcastic**
6. **Frustrated**
7. **Helpless**
8. **Awe-struck**
9. **Resigned**
10. **What is your opinion and why?**
11. **Given your opinion on the issue, was the reporter successful in persuading you? Why/why not?**